**Involvement of Workers in Assessment of Plans**

†1640. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that workers are always neglected in assessment of plans and construction works;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is no accountability fixed for the lives of the workers working in major projects; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government for the workers engaged in the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) to (c) As workers play major role in construction works, cost involved in payment of wages to workers and their Welfare are always taken into account while making assessment of plans and construction works. In order to safeguard the interests of the construction workers and regulate the conditions of work and to provide health and safety measures for these workers, the Government have enacted the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996. Under this Act as well as under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 besides the responsibility for payment of wages, the employer is also required to pay compensation in case of injury resulting in temporary or permanent disability or death. There is also a provision for imprisonment in case of contravention of provisions regarding safety measures under the Building and Other Construction Workers (RECS) Act, 1966.

**Exploitation of Child Labour**

1641. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to check economic exploitation of child labourers in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes formulated and being implemented by Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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